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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS

1. I SAW GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS JUNE 20 FOR ONE OF OUR
INTERMITTENT TOURS D'HORIZON. AS USUAL, HIS REMARKS CONVEYED
CONSIDERABLE ANTI-AMERICAN INNUENDO AND PRO-MAKARIOS BIAS.
HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. CLERIDES HAD ERRED UNPARDONABLY IN VIENNA II IN ACCEPTING
REFERENCE TO A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND OTHERWISE COOPERAT-
ING IN GLOSSING OVER TURKISH UNWILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS
SUBSTANCE, THEREBY INCURRING ARCHBISHOP'S WRATH AND JEOPARDIZING
HIS POSITION AS NEGOTIATOR. "OUTSIDE POWERS" WHO CONSIDERED
HIS ACTIONS JUSTIFIABLE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE NEGOTIATION WERE
MISLED.

B. CLERIDES-DENKTASH NEGOTIATION UNDER WALDHEIM WOULD GET
NOWHERE. USING POSITION OF TURKISH MILITARY AND WEAKNESS OF
DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AS A PRETEXT, GOT STONEWALLING MEANINGFUL
NEGOTIATION AND WOULD CONTINUE DO SO EVEN IF ECEVIT RETURNED
TO POWER.

C. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, MAKARIOS JUSTIFIED IN SEEKING
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INTERNATIONALIZATION. WHILE THIS UNLIKELY PRODUCE A

SOLUTION, IT WOULD AT LEAST CALL THE RUSSIANS' BLUFF.

D. RECENT PROLIFERATION OF LEFT AND RIGHT-WING FRONTS (NICOSIA A-31 NOTAL) HAD INITIALLY BEEN SEEN AS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN. IN PAST WEEK, HOWEVER, THESE MOVEMENTS HAD COME TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY GREEK EMBASSY. ON THE RIGHT, THEY APPEARED TO HAVE SOME BACKING FROM "FASCIST ELEMENTS" IN ATHENS. (AND, DOUNTAS IMPLIED, FROM US).

E. IN REGARD TO FOREGOING, GREEK EMBASSY HAD NOTED CONTACT BY US EMBOFFS WITH MEMBERS OF EOKA-B. GREEK EMBASSY UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT THESE "PROBABLY" IN CONTEXT OF NORMAL POLITICAL REPORTING.

F. GREEK EMBASSY CLOSELY MONITORING AND FULLY INFORMED REGARDING INCREASED AMERICAN PRESENCE IN SBA'S BUT WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO DAMP DOWN SPECULATION IN INTERESTS OF NATO.

DOUNTAS REFERRED TO REPORTS OF TURKISH CYPRIOT AND PERHAPS MAINLAND HABITATION OF VAROSHA AND ASKED WHETHER I COULD CONFIRM. I REPLIED THAT WE HAD GONE INTO THIS CAREFULLY AND FOUND NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE GREEK CYPRIOT CONCERN ABOUT MOVEMENTS INTO VAROSHA. WE HAD DETECTED SETTLEMENT OF SOME TURKISH CYPRIOT FAMILIES IN AREA BETWEEN VAROSHA AND AYIOS NICOLAO AND HAD NOTED LIMITED TURKISH MAINLAND PRESENCE, PRIMARILY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, BETWEEN FAMAGUSTA AND KARPASS. DOUNTAS DID NOT QUESTION ME ON TURKISH SETTLEMENT IN OTHER AREAS OF NORTHERN CYPRUS.
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